

TEXAS FARM NEWS

Rats are still invading the fields in McLennan County, and destroying much corn.

Nueces County ginner have ginned 25,000 bales of cotton up to August 19th.

The watermelon crop for this season from Naples totaled 105 car loads, and brought the growers the sum of \$24,169.24.

The spring clip of wool of the Del Rio section, amounting to four million pounds, has been shipped to eastern markets.

Anthrax has made its appearance among the horses and cattle in Bowie County. A strict quarantine will be at once inaugurated.

Continuous rains in South Texas have materially lowered the grade of some crops of cotton.

Haskell reports 8 inches of rain in 23 days. Early maize is damaged, but up to August 23rd there was no damage to cotton by worm or weevil.

Ellis County farmers agreed at a meeting to pay \$1.50 per hundred for cotton picking and to hold cotton seed for higher prices.

Texas is fast becoming a pure bred hog state. J. J. McLain of Anna, sold 35 head of pure bred Duroc-Jersey hogs at McKinney at an average of \$200.00 per head.

Denton County is shipping Shorthorn cattle to South America for breeding purposes. A yearling bull belonging to J. R. Cristal sold for \$2,000.00.

Delegates to the Texas Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union, which met in Fort Worth August 11th, voted unanimously to decrease their cotton acreage next year.

The State Department of Health urges all communities to put forth every effort in the war against rats through rat campaigns and by training men for the work.

Commission men at Fort Worth say that the demand for horses and mules during the last six months shows a substantial increase in all big markets over the corresponding months of 1919.

Parker County farmers have made good money out of the melon crop, some of the melons selling for as high as \$32.50 a ton. Many of the melon growers have made an average of \$200.00 per acre.

H. E. Means, County Agricultural Agent of Tarrant County, is urging the farmers of this county to plant fall gardens. He suggests that bush snap beans, a few Irish potatoes, black eyed peas, turnips and greens be planted.

J. H. Russell & Son have sold their apple orchard four miles west of Stephenville, consisting of 450 acres, to St. Louis capitalists, for a cash consideration of \$25,000.00. The orchard is considered the best in Erath County.

The Dallas Chamber of Commerce is heartily in sympathy with the movement started by the Nacogdoches Chamber of Commerce to bring about a general cotton holding movement to prevent further decline in the price of cotton.

The Texas Gulf Sulphur Company of Freeport, has purchased a large herd of Jersey and Holstein cows and will install a modern dairy for the benefit of their employees, which now number about 1,000. Milk and butter will be supplied to the employees at wholesale cost.

Farmers of Runnels County have organized for exterminating the jack rabbits and local merchants are supplying ammunition at actual cost. Many citizens from town are joining in the war on the pests. Rabbits have been damaging the cotton crop in that section.

L. T. Cathey, a market gardener who lives four miles north of Sherman, is selling roasting ears from the sixth planting of corn this year. His faith is making him plant the seventh time, and he believes the last planting will also yield a good crop.

Many stockmen of West Texas are holding their cattle off the market for better prices.

Hico thought so much of its big corn crop that it held a four-day corn carnival and reunion.

From fifteen acres of melons, W. S. Wadkins, who lives near Denton, has sold over \$2,000.00 worth this year.

A cattle marketing and cotton classing bureau has been organized by the farmers in the vicinity of Pecos.

The rice farmers of Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas have fixed the selling price of rice at \$8.00 per bag for Nos. 1 and 2.

J. J. McLain of Anna, Texas, has been chosen Judge of the General Swine Show at the Louisiana State Fair, which opens at Shreveport Oct. 28th.

The cotton classer for the 1920 crop has arrived at Lubbock, and will remain throughout the season. Last year the work of this classer was very satisfactory.

Texas wool is beginning to move to market on consignment, partly because Texas warehouses are full and the fall crop is coming on.

Pecos and vicinity are prepared to gin over 12,000 bales of cotton this year. Twenty-one thousand acres are under cultivation.

The Texas ribbon cane crop promises to be exceptionally good this year. Last year one Panola County farmer realized \$1,149.00 from one acre planted to ribbon cane.

The tour of the Texas Farm Boys through 18 states disbanded at Waco, August 23rd. The boys had a great time and will never forget the wonderful things they saw.

A farmers bureau has been organized in Nacogdoches County under the supervision of the Nacogdoches Chamber of Commerce, with a membership of 111.

Lewis & Cunningham, Poland China hog breeders of Childress, sold 33 Poland China hogs at a hog sale August 21st, for \$17,585, an average per head of \$532.88.

Major Sam H. Dixon, Chief of Markets at Austin, says Texas will have 45 million bushels of corn to sell this year. He says the average annual consumption of corn in Texas is 120 million bushels.

Goree Local Union No. 1923 of the Texas Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union has been organized with a membership of 52, the largest charter membership of any local this year.

The Farmers Union adjourned at Fort Worth, after electing all the old officers by acclamation, as follows: D. E. Lyday, Ravenna, president; J. L. McConkey, Wichita Falls, vice president; A. L. Baker, Stockdale, secretary-treasurer; J. E. Beene, Johnson County, door-keeper; J. W. Gregg, Rusk, conductor; J. P. Lane, Gallatin, chaplain. The executive committee members as follows were also re-elected: C. F. Steves, Runge; Ed A. Doss, Rockdale; J. W. Beard, Paris; J. C. Webb, San Marcos; J. H. Lehman, Brenham.

A prominent cotton buyer and reginner of Houston told the editor of this department recently that all the farmers who have low grade cotton should hold it for better prices. He believes better prices for low grades are sure to come, because these grades are quoted far below their real value, and because European countries will be able in time to take all the low grade cotton they can get at a much higher price than now offered. Germany, Italy and Russia are the largest users and buyers of low grade cotton in the world, and the reason they are not buying more is because of their poor credit and the depreciation of their currency. German marks, that before the war always were quoted around 20c to 22c, now have a purchasing power in the United States of only 2c. Italy's money is far below par, and Russia has no money that could be absolutely depended upon since it has fallen into the hands of the Bolsheviks.

Rio Grande Valley farmers have ginned about half of their cotton crop. Some farms will produce a bale and one-half per acre.

Three hundred farmers met in the city hall at Palestine and resolved to hold cotton for 35 cents per pound.

A boat load of black willow came into the port of Orange destined for Houston to be manufactured into pianos.

Tulia has shipped to market from the shipping points in Swisher County this year 48 car loads of hogs. Hog raising is expected to be one of the large industries of this county in the near future.

The continued rains of the last few weeks will assure the farmers of the greater part of West Texas sufficient moisture for the sowing of a large acreage of wheat and barley this fall.

The sixth annual convention of the Panhandle Swine Breeder's Association will be held at Lubbock Jan. 21 and 22. A large attendance from all over the Panhandle is expected.

The East Texas Chamber of Commerce has undertaken to market 1,000 cars of sweet potatoes for the growers of East Texas. The crop is now moving and is much earlier than last year.

Farmers are urged to harvest no cotton lower in grade than middling in a bulletin sent out by the Texas Industrial Congress in order to hold up the price of the better grades of the staple.

Live stock in Kimble County is afflicted with charbon. Quite a lot of vaccine has been ordered, and animals are being vaccinated in order to stop the spread of the disease.

Farmers of Williamson County adopted resolutions to hold their cotton seed for \$50.00 a ton, that they feed seed in place of meal and hulls, and that cotton seed be used for fertilizer.

Commission men at Fort Worth say that Texas is woefully short on hogs, and that it is only a question of a few weeks until the packing houses will be forced to have hogs shipped from other states to Fort Worth for slaughter.

At a meeting of the Williamson County Poultry Association, plans were perfected for the Annual Show which will be held at Georgetown November 18-21. More than 2,000 birds were exhibited at the Georgetown Show last fall.

The Lone Star Orchard company of Stephenville is to construct on its 500-acre plantation, four miles east of that town, a 30,000 bushel capacity potato curing plant and a modern fruit and vegetable packing house.

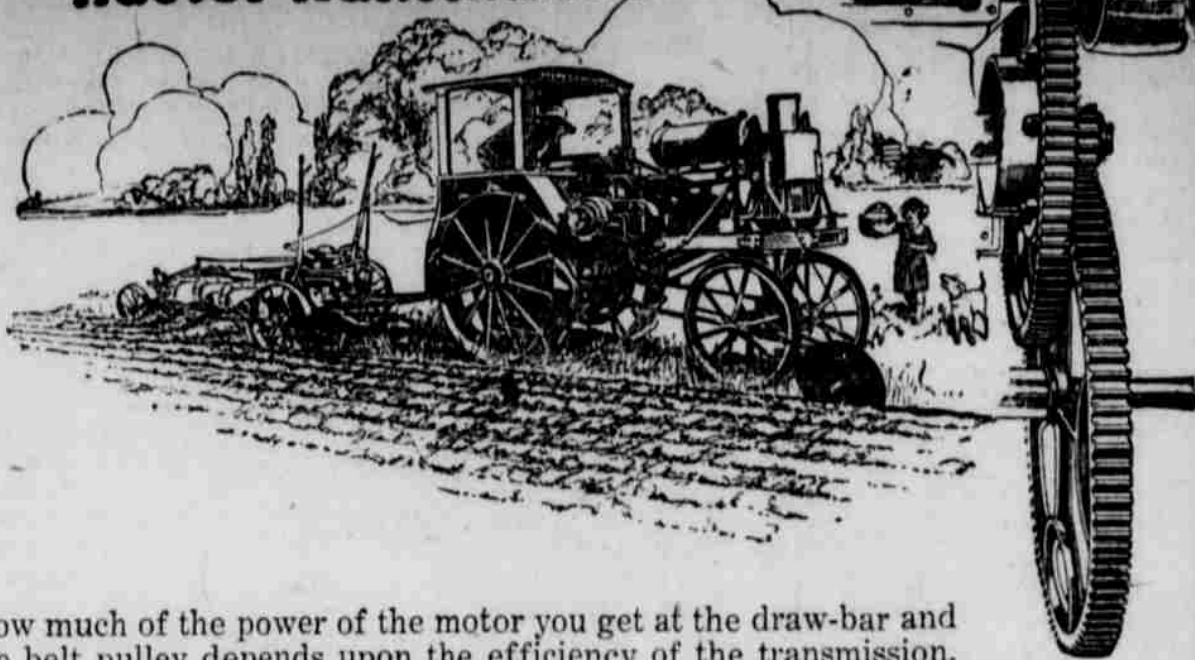
On account of the ravages of the boll weevil, the farmers of East Texas have turned their attention more to the raising of livestock. Many of the farmers declare they will not raise a stalk of cotton next year. Attempts are being made to poison the weevil, but the continuous rains wash the poison from the plants as fast as put on. Some farmers claim they are losing money because of high-priced labor and a short yield.

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George Washington Taylor, a well-to-do farmer near Melissa, Collin county, has re-

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